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ACTION UPDATE (UK)

Winter Solstice 91.

RECLAIM THE STREETS



n the 21st December South Downs EF! carried out the first road blockade in the Carmageddon campaign and their first action.

The last Saturday before the consumer hype of Christmas set the scene, complemented by several thousand cars which are daily crammed into Brighton. After a gathering of the masses (about 20) in the town centre, banner waving and singing along to groovey tunes we moved in for our attack on the car empire

Minutes later our blockade was up, horns honked, engines roared, motorists screamed, while we sung, laughed and smiled at the scene which was now before us. When the police arrived they managed to calm down

motorists who seemed close to falling off the edge of sanity such as "I've got nothing to loose - move or die Our spirits were lifted however by several people from surrounding houses who ventured out on to the now clear street to offer us tea. Passers by tried to convince us to blockade their street and people waved and gave us the

The police finally broke the blockade - after about half an hour of deliberation - when we failed to 'be reasonable' There was on arrest - which was followed with no charges, just a chance for a good rest for a very tired activist. Workshops took place on the following day, where activists from Glastonbury, London and Brighton had the chance to talk about the action and the way forward.

Upcoming....Upcoming...Upcoming...Upcoming..Upcoming

thumbs up for our efforts

LIVERPOOL TIMBER SHIP BLOCKADE 27th Feb.

see page 5

SAVE CANADIAN OLD GROWTH

PROTECT **TWYFORD** DOWN

22nd Feb. see page 5

1st March. see page 3

Kryptonites and Sawdust

As 31 members of the Penan and Kayan tribes of Sarwak faced prosecution for protecting their rainforest horselands from the Japanese triber companies and the Mataysian government, 8 activists from Lea Valley Earth First emerged from the basement of 9 Cazenove Road. Their aim was to wreak twoor count he Mataysian Tourist Board in Tratalgar Square, London. For the staff of the Malaysian Tourist Board this was oping to be a Monday to

remember.

At about 10am on the 7th of October 1991, eight would be tourists entered the Malaysian Tourist Board with Kryptonite Bike Locks, chains and a suspiciously large bag of Sawdust. Matitida had just sat down to a cup of Coffee, when David led the happy procession of eco-nutters.

through the front door of Malaysia House.
"Hello" said David In a polite voice, "We are here to

occupy this building in Solidarity with 31 indigenous people who are in court today for protecting the oldest rainforest on earth. You may leave by the back door."

Needless to say Maildis wats a little freaked out and Pletic (the beefty our who we believe to be employed by the Malaysian Secret Police) couldn't believe his ears. Suddenly a beg of sawdust appeared and proceeded to empty its contents all over the neat and tidy office. At this point we learnt that sawdust and expensive electronic equipment do not mix and £75 of damage was caused to a word-processor, shame!

"This is an emergency " squealed Matilda as she rang the Police. "You can't do this II", hollared Peter in disbellet as the chains and kryptonites came out. "You're Hooklgans!!". That's right pal! I and we are going to carry having a go at you and your government until you leave the forests and indicenous people of Sarawak alone.

The Police came and the party was dragged to the cells. No charges were brought and the magistrate refused to bind them over the next moming in court. The next day a ridiculous piece of anti-Earth First propagands entitled "PROTESTORS WHO DO IT ONLY FOR THE MONEY" appeared on the front page of the Mataysian paper "The Popole". The bureaurats of the international areen

movement exchanged angry taxes and the protestors who did only for the money went and spent their cash. The court case was indigenous peoples' court case was adourned to 1992.



SARAWAK UPDATE

The logging blockade of over 500 people at Long Ageng is still strong. However there has been a recent crack-down on another blockade at Long Geng, 42 people were arrested and put in one cell. They have appeared in court and pleaded not guilty for detending their lands. 38 are still in prison because they could not raise the money for ball.

MARCH 23rd 1992. DAYAK SOLIDARITY ACTION DAY on 23rd of March the people of Long Geng will be tried for protecting their land. we must act in solidarily with them by bringing their plight to the world's attention. More details from Lea Valley Earth First (See directory on page 8)

SOUTH DOWNS EARTH FIRST!

We are now up and sprinting, and would sike to say a big outsity Hellor to all IEEE/max out there. After being a one person group a little over a month age, then was a sudden excitation to people realising we all effet the same way about Mother Earth, and the group branched out into both sexes and is regularly increasing its size as schizophrenia spreads. Loops there goes another to.

Our effort at the Tibury Tropical Timber Action (see pages 5 & 8) on the 4th of December sourned us on with energy (and Gariell). At the time to glorgly to prose on the Action Update we are about to do an action involving unrecycled telephone directories as well as descripting the Auroride Public Engrisy (Farrar) over the ACS9 road extension through woodland. All this as well as descripting the Auroride Public Engrisy (Farrar) over the ACS9 road extension through many terms of the ACS9 and the ACS9 and

We were also the group that organised the tirst CARMAGEDDON road blockade in this courty. Speaking of cars as we are, a recent London warming word rout to people advising them not to drive or leave their houses because for strill polition, so such actions as the one teatured on the tront page need tittle justification. The car must go it everything else polition, so such actions as the one teatured on the tront page need tittle justification. The car must go it everything else

We recommend Heathcote Williams "Autogeddon" for a bit of poetic inspiration and to have an action today. Now is the time, so keep pollution away and torch a car foday. LETS GET CARS OUT OF TOWN AND PEOPLE OUT OF CARS FOR ACTIONS AGAINST TRIBUST CONTACT SDEFT (see directory) OR DUNCAN BLINKHORN ON (0273)620125.

COLLISION AT THE TRAFFIC JAM IN THE SKY

The official opening of the new Dartford Bridge, just East of London, set the scene for the first Carmageddon action in London. The Dartford Bridge is just one of a family of damaging crossings the road lobby and the Department of Transport is

planning for the Thames. We were planning to add to the show which already included the Queen, a fly-over by Hawker Harriers, a tune or two from a massed choir and assorted (which where kent affoat with almost as much hot air as their corporate owners expelled in ecofriendly waffle each year). We were sure we would be the icing on the cake for the media that had talked of the opening with pleas for "some thing interesting to happen".

Our plan was to speed by the queen in inflatables, foghoms and banners in hand as she pressed the magic button that opened the bridge. This plan was of course second to connecting the magic button to explosives on the bridge - just Imagine their faces if old LIz destroyed their masterpiece.

Out on the water as we were nearing our goal we were spotted and chased by the police. One boat got past and almost made it Into the Police "EXclusion Zone". The other boat was rammed by the Water Police who later accused us of ramming them. They stopped us from reaching our goal

realised that luck would have to be on our side for us to be successful obviously it wasn't.

The moral of this story is:

STOP THESE STERILE STRIPS OF DEATH REFORE THEY I FAVE THE DEVELOPEDS CARVING BOARD Jason Torrance



Department of Transport Knows Best



to come to their senses over three particular projects. The Three in question are the East London River Crossing (which threatens the ancient woodland of Oviess Wood London -See FFI Autumn Equinox Action Update)... The M11 to A12link road in East London (threatening over 300 homes and several communities) and the extension of the M3 at Twyford Down, Hampshire. The extension of the M3 will mean the

2 Sites of Special Scientific Interest and an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Work on these roads could start any time in the New Year. Earth First! is

working with other opposition groups in preparation for confronting the bulldozers. These natural areas and

the species that exist within them make up islands of beauty in the largely urban landscape of Britain. they need all the help they can get. Please get in contact with the Lea Valley Earth Firstl office to find out how you can get involved in the fight against industrial development.

STOP PRESS

Construction is set to start at Twyford Down on the 1st March.

Lea Valley EF! are currently looking into the possibility of an Action camp on or near the area to greet the dozers.

Other actions are being planned both on site and at the contractors offices in London.

Briefing sheets are available from the London office NOW!

DOWN THE DOCKS , AMONGST THE MUDFLATS

On Describer the 4th 1991, Earth First Initiated and coordinated Britain's first action against the importation of tropical 'folded rainforest' timber. It was a mile store in many ways. It was the biggest action ever against the destruction of rainforests and it featured the widest informal coalition of environmental groups in the history of the green movement in this country. It has since been followed by a similar size action in Newport, Wales. Below are two accounts of the action that prompted the Malaysian government to announce the allocation of £2 Milling for a pre-interpropaganda battles.

Well, we assembled in some Kent scout hall at 11pm on Tuesday night. A briefling session and non-violence training began, somewhat incredibly at midnight and continued until 3am; whereupon a slideshow began for confirmed insembles entratigment.

writersupon a sindesnow began too confirmed insomniace enterlainment. At 4:30 am, after 6 minutes sleep, the boat people groupsly journeyed to the Thames, Bellies full of powerful sharkrepellent Garlie soup. Our 10% SMCA. WILSTREAM from docking in British with its cargo of of timber plundered from the rainforests of Malaysia and infonnesia.

Jellyfish strummed out some folky tunes on his guitar, a dockside sing-along In subzero temperatures; rubber dinghies were prepared for the aromatic London Sewage conduit known as

Two hours after the departure of the Sea Action boats, the enmasse land cavalry were roused from their sumbers. After Breaklast and talk of liberating the Goldfish from the scouthut, we prepared to leave in groups we had arranged the hight before.

We met at the front gates to Tibury Docks, where banners where already on show, courtesy of the returned Sea Action folk. At this point all our plant from the previous night were put firmly to the back of our minds and we proceeded to search out ways of getting into the docks.

Two "qaps" in the fence, and a

cunning plan to disguise people as excess baggage in the back of vans got 30 people into the docks over the course of 3 hours. Activists worked in pairs and small groups with the aim of reaching the M.V. SINGA WILSTREAM and disrupting the unloading of the timber.

We were told that any unauthorised person found at the unloading site

the Thames. Three Brighton Sea Action Dreptes were plotpee into the Action Dreptes were plotpee into the various chain and padded, carrying Earth Firstlers. The media had been ferried ahead in Sea Shopheer's rigid initiatible, to establish the best camera angles. With Lead safe, best shall be standard angles. With Lead walley EFI activity Jake. While we were putting-along-upriver, Jake was promotiling Kryptonte Lid by locking his head to the dock lock. The media snapped a few obligatory pictures before they worklifes.

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ghton Sea ped into the stream with As the Sea Action dinghles ck carrying a had been Sea Shepherd in the process of Sea Shepherd in the process of attaching a magnetic banner to the

Sea Shepherd in the process of attaching a magnetic banner het hull. We kept straling the area but two Police boats repeatedly herded us back into the harbour. We outrambered the police boats by three to two, so while the two were kept busy I deposited two Oxford E-Flera upon a rusty ladder. They then sprinted to the lock gate itself and delayed the ships entrance.

Meanwhile one of the Police Launch Pilots was playing Buffalo Bill Cody by trying to Lasso the dingbles. We

conewhal high by trying to Lasso the dinghles. We solder deposit more solders deposit more deposit m

road was blocked and the cars and lorries turned away. All was done with a nonviolent sense of humourll.

As a final gesture of disgust at the fact that tropical timber continues to be his country, a protestor

imported into this country, a protestor made her way to the top of a crane. One dock worker reacted by attempting to throw her off onto the concrete 40ft below. Charming!! In all the land action managed to

delay the unloading of the limber, albeit briefly. However, the nos successful aspect of the action - the first of mary to happen in this country-was the gathering together of so mary-was the gathering together of so mary individuals willing to act for the rainforests. Twas a long day and the Cade at Tibury Hall Statin sold more greasy chips, beans and toast (or was that double beans, mushrooms, chips and toast ??) than in the previous 35 years.



meant that work had to stop, but this was unfortunately not so. Several people reached the boat despite the great difficulties in finding it. One woman from South Downs Earth First chained herself to the wood. She survived an attack by a psychopathic forklift truck driver who tried to "remove her".

Others, having found the boat.

distracted the dockers until being carted away. Many of the activists who made it into the docks found the Police very hospitable; getting a lift to the pig-station, a cup of tea, a warning and an escort back to the main gate to join the 150 strong demonstration. Here a 50ft inflatable chainsaw was driven in and a spontaneous storming driven in and a spontaneous storming.

VANESSA PAULOVITCH. S.D.E.F!

RESOURCE SECURITY LEGISLATION THREATENS AUSTRALIA'S LAST FORESTS.

In late November, activists from the London Rainforest Action Group and Lea Valley Earth Firstl scaled the front of Australia House in the Strand, London, in protest at the Australian Government's plan to introduce Resource Security Legislation.

The proposed legislation, "Resource Security for Major New Industrial Wood Processing Projects," provides indefinite security of access to native forests to the timber industry. If the Australia's native temperate forests will be put in permanent. "Wood Production Zones" with wood-chipping and dearfolling looking set to continue will mist 21st Century. Already some will mist 21st Century. Already some deared to the continue of the continue of

The activists were able to climb onto the balcony and hang a "MILDERNESSI NOT WOODCHIPS" banner and to blindfold various statues including a sheep. Once the activists were noticed a minor panic

LIVERPOOL TIMBER SHIP BLOCKADE

The dirty and murky river Mersey is soon to be the scene of the next British action against the importation of tropical "dead rainforest" timber.

It is the first action for the recently formed Merseyside Green Action. Earth First group. There will be accommodation, workshops accommodation, workshops outrage and contempt for the murderers and criminals of the initernational timber trade. A brief pack is available for groups and individuals interested for the action on the 27th of February. We need as many people as

possible to make the campaign snowball. Linda Chalker, minister for overseas development, has her constituency nearby. Please try and make it. Contact:

051 734 1919 between 24 -27th February or 081 806 1561 beforehand broke out amongst the staff and attempts were made to call them down before the Police were

called.

In true British tradition
the staff were polite
enough to ask if the
elimbers had permission
to be there. Activists on
the ground tried to talk
to embassy staff as to
the reason for the
demonstration. This was
not possible as the
security wanted them
down "before they
break their blondy

necks!".

The action was quick, empowering for those involved and achieved massive and achieved massive and in Australia.

Shelley Braithwaite London Rainforest Action Group.



PERMIARY 22ND, INTERNA, 101-101 DAY OF 100-101 FOR B C'S LAST RAPPFOREST

British Columbia is known as the "Brazil of the North" because of the large areas of boreal and temperate rainforest within it, but also because of the rate the forest is being destroyed. Multi-national timber companies Fletcher Challenge and Noranda are busy chewing up the forests for pulp and timber, 90% of the forest cleared is oldgrowth. Indeed, the scale of clearcutting is so large that British Columbia has one of only two humanmade features to be seen from snace. its the world's largest clearcut Recent announcements by the state government have promised moratoria on logging in many areas including the Orca breeding grounds at Sitika

sound. But not the entire Walbran Valley where blockades have been for the past year. On February 22nd, activists in Canada and the USA will be acting in Solidarity with the forests. An action has been organised for London. Contact: Peter at Lea Valley BURMA CAMPAIGN TAKES OFF!

Teak forests are destroyed every year making it the third highest rate of deforestation in the world. The military dictatorship has struck a deal with Thalland to log the tribal homelands of people opposing the dictatorship. The funds from logging are used to expand the military and increase its nationwise region of terror.

AT least 8000km2 of Burma's unique

The jungle headquarters of the democracy forces has a university and several eager environmental groups. They are starved of resources so the Burma Campaign is helping to set up an Environmental Resource Centre to spread environmental awareness amongost the people.

You can help at minimal cost! Send books, magazines and videos to the Lea Valley EFI office. Donations welcome for shipping costs. BURMA SHIP ACTION IN MARCH! Regional groups needed for action

coordination and fundraising. Check out the EFI roadshow for details or phone the office.

EARTH FIRST! HITS THE ROAD

The Earth First | Roadshow will be anitating educating apprayating and inehriating as it ones from Liverpool to Brighton in one hectic, action packed month.

The roadshow is an ecologically oriented mix of music. slideshows talk and debate. It is designed to get people of their burns to fight in the detence of Mother Earth, whilst having tun and getting informed about the latest attacks of the industrial new world order.

The madehow is being hosted by Earth First! Student and green groups around the country. Its a two hour show thats high energy and an unapologetic advocate for direct

Joining us on our month long foray into the life of poverty stricken minstrels will be 4 veteran U.S. Earth Firstlers they are: Alice Di Miccele, musician and activist. Jake Jagoff, long time eco-nutter and beer drinker, Mike Mease, a film-maker who chants blackfeet curses in dingy Asian hotels and Tom Carney an Earth Firstler from New York also known as Snaggletooth.

Contact: Your nearest Earth First! group for exact venue details or see the local media...

Yes were hypocrites!! But you've when your dealing with shit!

Earth First! Roadshow Itinerary

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14th February Saturday 15th February Monday 17th February Wednesday 19th February Thursday 20th February Friday 21 et February Wednesday 26th February Saturday 29th February Monday 2nd March Wednesday 4th March Thursday 5th March

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MID SOMERSET FARTH FIRST!

Mid Somerset Earth First! in the last Action Update announced that we had produced a news sheet which listed the health tood companies involved in dodgy dealings. Since then they have produced a second issue which is available from MSEFI. The response has been so overwhelming that we understand that between 10,000 and 12,000 have been printed and redistributed, and they are spreading to many other European countries!! This

was started as a local effort --- Think Globally-Act Locally !!! We have been boycotting our local B&Q for the past 6 months with leaflets, blockades and banners - though there have been no arrests when Davey attempted to climb up the building he was "towed off the root". Five of us participated in South Downs Earth Firstl's Carmageddon Boad Blockade on the full moon solstice on the 21st of December

We have a lot of projects going including sponsoring the roadshow in March, another Carmageddon Roadblock and we are also leaving time for the next shipment of dead rainforest at Liverpool on the 27th of February. - MSFEL



MENT MOVEMENT IS COMING



Four of the Arizona 5 Get Maximum Prison

September saw Earth First! in court in Arizona, U.S.A. The "Arizona 5" trial as it became known was a result of a 3 year. S3 million operation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (F.B.I.). Intilitration by an F.B.I. agent eventually led to the prosecution and conviction of 4 of the 5 for properly damage done to a ski resort in a wildemes.

area of north-east Anzona.

The four received maximum sentences of between 6 years

and one year and a day.

The prosecutors, raging propagandists to the end stated that their purpose was to " stop a radical deviant psycho-

environment movement*

Support your fellow "radical, deviant psychoenvironmentalists" by writing to them and showing your solidarity and support:

Mark Davis - 23106-008, Federal Correctional Institute,

llse Aspund & Mark Baker, c/o 1386 Iron Springs Road, Box 104, Prescott, AZ 86301, U.S.A.

Peg Millett, 23118008, 37900 N 45th Ave, Dept 1785, Phoenix AZ 85027, U.S.A.

Dave Foreman, Earth First co-founder and writer of the book "Ecodelense" was given a five year suspended

sentence. The book "Ecodefense" may be republished. An End to Cosmetic Tests on Animals

Animal rights and welfare organisations have at last joined together to protest at the use of animals in cosmetic tests, Over three thousand marched in Brussels

cosinetic tests, Over lime incosant interested in Brussers at the time of the cosmelics directive underway. For two years the British Union for the Abolition of Vivisection (BUAV) has carried out extensive lobbying in Europe and to our own MEPs.All the indications are that a majority of MEP's will support us when the European Parliament votes on the matter, However, the cosmelics

industry, especially L'oreal are lobbying hard against any restrictions on torture tests on animals. The directive then moves on to the European Commission before going to the council of ministers. This is a time when everybody will be needed to let their views known.

The Council of Ministers is made up of representative ministers from twelve member states. For the UK this is Peter Lilley, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry. He will be casting Britain's vote and he must be made aware of the strength of the public's teelings. Please write to him

to demand he votes for a ban.

For the tirst time, we have victory in our sights. We must keep up the pressure to ensure that no animal in Europe need ever suffer again for the sake of vanity.

Whereas the testing of cosmetics on animats is predominantly an animal rights issue; the wider question of the necessity of cosmetics in our society, which are so exploitative of the Earth's natural resources, should be answered as the cry of Earth First! should always be priority.

Contact: BARC, PO BOX 307, Ship Street, Brighton.

U.S. MULTINATIONAL POISED TO RIP APART THE MOSQUITO COAST

In early February President Catlejas of Honduras will intalise and sign a massive logging contract with US paper products glant Stone Container Corporation, which the state of the Mission Indase. The secrety regulated 40 year control Mission Indase. The secrety regulated 40 year control for the description of the Chicago based company a seventh of Honduras, a country aready 80% in foreign hands the pine and temperate rainforests are U.N. designated worth charges also and loggither form the targest continuous

The secretly negotiated deal closely preceded the writing off of a half million dollar US AID loan. The forests were made tamous by the film "The Mosquito Coast" and are home to a multitude of rare and beautiful species including the Tewaka. Pech and Sumo tribes.

Please write to the Honduran Ambassador expressing your concerns about the contract. Urge him to communicate your message to the President who is personally overseeing the deal. The forests are beautiful ecosystems that have a right to exist for their own sake unbundered by burnankind.

Contact::
His Excellency (excellent at what?) Carlos Zeron,
Honduran Embassy

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OUT OF SIGHT, OUT OF MIND



poorest slums in Brazil. In order to spare this unpleasant sight from their foreign guests arriving for the UNCED conference the Brazillan government are now building an entirely new motorway along a different route.

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The action update is produced on every Solstice and Equinox, it has expanded on every issue in order to cover the rapidly expanding Earth First I movement in this country. By the end of this year we hope to be producing something as good as the Earth First I Journal, based in Missoula, Montana, USA-The Earth First I Journal will be a forum for the Earth First I ownements news, views and needs. It will represent our outrage against the destruction of Mother Earth! So subscribe by sending your life savings to the address below and woult peciety the Butterfly that this Caternaliar is coing to turn into.

Please send me a full years worth of the Earth First! Action Update (soon to be the Earth First | Journal) and other Action Alerts. Here is three pounds

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